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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated <u>January 18, 2006</u> in the patent application identified above, Applicant(s) hereby requests an extension of time of <u>one month</u>, from <u>April 18, 2006</u> to <u>May 18, 2006</u>.

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